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SUBJECT: LETTER OF CONDOLENCE FROM WILLY BRANDT ON
THE DEATH OF GENERAL LUCIUS D. CLAY

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER, DATED APRIL 17, FROM
FORMER CHANCELLOR AND MAYOR OF BERLIN WILLY BRANDT,
WHICH TRANSLATES AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

I HAVE RECEIVED THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF
GENERAL CLAY. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCE AND
ASK YOU TO CONVEY TO GENERAL CLAY'S FAMILY AS WELL AS
TO YOUR GOVERNMENT MY DEEP FEELINGS OF SYMPATHY AND THOSE
OF MY FRIENDS.

LUCIUS D. CLAY'S NAME WILL ALWAYS BE ASSOCIATED
WITH GERMAN AND EUROPEAN POST-WAR HISTORY. IT IS DUE
TO HIS DECISIVE CONTRIBUTION THAT THE CITY OF BERLIN
WAS ABLE TO RESIST THE BLOCKADE OF 1948/49 AND THAT THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC DEVELOPED INTO A SOLID DEMOCRATIC
COMMUNITY.

IN THE ALMOST 30 YEARS SINCE THEN GENERAL CLAY WAS
ALWAYS A GOOD FRIEND TO US. I REMEMBER WITH PLEASURE
HIS CONTINUED VISITS TO BERLIN AND HIS SUPPORTIVE STAY
THERE, WITH WHICH PRESIDENT KENNEDY ENTRUSTED HIM
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DURING THE DIFFICULT TIME AFTER THE ERECTION OF THE
WALL IN 1961. DURING NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS IN THE UNITED
STATES WE REPEATEDLY RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THE
ENGAGEMENT WITH WHICH LUCIUS D. CLAY WAS STRIVING FOR THE
FURTHERANCE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND ATLANTIC
COOPERATION.

WE SHALL ALWAYS KEEP HIM IN HONORED MEMORY. S/ WILLY

BRANDT. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AS APPROPRIATE. AMBASSADOR
WILL REPLY TO BRANDT BY LETTER. STOESSEL

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